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In re Application of:)
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.) Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.: 10/098,683) Examiner: U. Ho
Filed: March 15, 2002) Confirmation No. 7210
For: Spinal Implant Containing Bone)
Morphogenetic Protein.)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Communication dated July 30, 2003, resubmitted herewith is a complete amendment in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003 and substitute the Reply to Office Action filed July 15, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.